SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Mount Auburn Cemetery.

JANUARY 1, 1906.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn

FOR 1905.

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR.

BOSTON:
THOMAS GROOM & CO. (INC.), STATIONERS,
No. 105 STATE STREET.
1906.

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION FOR 1905.

Trustees.

CHARLES H. WATSON	*Term expires in*	1906
PRENTISS CUMMINGS	" "	1906
FRANCIS C. FOSTER	" "	1907
THOMAS P. BEAL	" "	1907
CHARLES F. CHOATE	" "	1908
*JOSHUA M. SEARS	" "	1908
DAVID W. CHEEVER	" "	1909
DAVID R. WHITNEY	" "	1909
ISRAEL M. SPELMAN	" "	1910
EDWARD W. HUTCHINS	" "	1910
*FRANK W. REYNOLDS	" "	1911
JOSEPH B. RUSSELL	" "	1911

President.

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN, Resigned Nov. 8, 1905.
PRENTISS CUMMINGS, Elected Nov. 8, 1905.

Treasurer.

JOHN L. DILL.

Secretary.

LEWIS G. FARMER.

Superintendent.

JAMES C. SCORGIE.

Offices of the Corporation.

ROOMS 601, 602 and 603,
SEARS BUILDING,
BOSTON.

TELEPHONE, 3662 MAIN.

Office of the Superintendent.

AT THE CEMETERY,
P. O. ADDRESS
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

*Deceased.

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees submit to the proprietors this their seventy-fourth annual report, to which are annexed the reports of the Treasurer and the Superintendent.

There has been nothing of unusual interest in the routine business of the corporation during the past year. The proceeds from the sale of lots has been $8,484, which is less than usual; and the same was true the previous year of 1904. This falling off is due to several causes, among which may be mentioned the belief of some that cremation is likely to cause changes in the matter of sepulture, and the mistaken idea that the lots in the cemetery are mostly taken. In fact the lots remaining unsold are sufficient to meet the demand for several years, are of sufficient variety in size to suit all ordinary wants, and are in every way as attractive as those hitherto disposed of.

The expense to prevent the ravages of the brown-tail and gipsy moths for the year has been $2,526.06, and is included in the Treasurer's account under the items for labor and materials. This expense is absolutely necessary to meet the requirements of law, and to maintain the beauty of the cemetery; and it is hoped some method more efficient and scientific than has yet been brought into use will be introduced to meet this ever increasing evil.

The Repair Fund has gained $48,938.57 during the past year, and now amounts to $1,391,081.21. This fund is not, strictly speaking, the absolute property of the corporation, but it is a trust fund to be expended in care of lots under perpetual care contracts, and the surplus, if any, can only be applied to the improvement and adornment of the cemetery grounds.

The Permanent Fund now amounts to $490,131.65, having gained $13,842.53 during the past year. This fund is to provide for expenses

when all receipts from the sale of lots have ceased, and is accumulating under the provisions of the By-Laws. When it amounts to $500,000 further action must be taken.

The General Fund shows an increase during the year of $11,905.77, and now amounts to $222,395.05. "This is the active fund from which all expenses for construction and renewal of buildings, fences, shops, stables and improvements for the preservation and ornamentation of the cemetery of every kind must be defrayed."

These funds are all well invested, and, with the probable increase, are believed to be adequate to meet the demands for which they were established; but with the steady increase in the cost of labor and materials, and the steady diminution of the rate of interest, they are not likely to afford an income in excess of what will be required to maintain the cemetery in a way to meet the wishes of the proprietors.

The Trustees have met with a serious loss during the past year in the death of Joshua M. Sears. The following tribute to the memory of Mr. Sears, who died June 2, 1905, has been entered in the records of the Trustees:

> The Trustees are desirous of entering upon their records their deep sorrow at the death of Joshua Montgomery Sears. Mr. Sears was elected a Trustee at the Annual Meeting on Feb. 4, 1881, and continued in the office until his death on June 2, 1905, and served as a member of the Committee on Grounds during the whole time. Interested in horticulture and landscape gardening, and always active and attentive to business and familiar with financial affairs, his services have been of great value to the corporation. We have always found him a pleasant associate and reliable friend, and our long connection with him will leave a memory never to be forgotten.

Mr. Frank W. Reynolds on Oct. 4, 1905, sent in his resignation as Trustee, on account of ill health, and the Trustees, with regret, accepted it at their meeting in November. A few days later, news was received of his sudden death. He was a faithful member of the Board, and a distinct loss to the corporation.

Mr. Israel M. Spelman completed his thirty-first year as President

of the corporation in June last, and sent in his resignation both as President and Trustee. His resignation as President was accepted by the Trustees at their November meeting, and his resignation as Trustee at their next meeting, and they express their high esteem for him personally and their appreciation of the value of his work by the following entry upon their records:

The Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn desire to put upon record their appreciation of the long and faithful services of their retiring President, Mr. Israel Munson Spelman.

Taking charge of the Cemetery trust in 1874, he has gratuitously and unwearyingly continued as its presiding officer, and practically its manager, for more than thirty years. Holding this position so long, and during so critical a time, his place in the history of the corporation is unique; and it is doubtful if any successor can render services so important as his. During this time he has seen the Cemetery become one of the largest examples of a rural burying place, growing in plantations and in gardens year by year. Similarly the cares and responsibilities of its aggregating capital and business have required, and have obtained at his hands, honorable, careful and constant supervision.

The Trustees feel and know that such an example of devotion is rare: and they cannot expect to replace him. They can only express to him their love and respect, and hold him always in the warmest remembrance.

For further details as to the finances and business of the corporation, reference may be made to the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent hereto annexed.

For the Board of Trustees,

PRENTISS CUMMINGS,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year		$25,496.32
He has received from sundry parties—		
For sale of lots	$ 8,484.00	
" labor and materials on lots	64,046.40	
" deposits in receiving tomb	1,291.75	
" " " old receiving tomb	135.00	
		73,957.15
For deeds and transfers	$ 160.00	
" interest on loans	9,472.90	
" New York & New England R. R. bonds	25,000.00	
" New York Central R. R. Co. bonds	10,000.00	
" Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. bonds	20,000.00	
" Boston, Clinton, Fitch. & N. B. R. R. bonds	9,000.00	
		73,632.90
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co. on account of income on Permanent Fund	$8,000.00	
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society for one-quarter of expenditure grading new land for sale	172.70	
Premiums retired	1,319.06	
		9,491.76
		$182,578.13

FOR THE SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR, 1905.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties —		
For labor (pay roll)	$39,184.39	
" materials	14,300.36	
" repairs, buildings and fences	1,522.80	
" receiving tomb drawbacks	12.00	
		$55,019.55
For expenses —		
For salaries	$ 9,000.00	
" office expenses	6,106.69	
" taxes on real estate	1,754.67	
" insurance	112.50	
		16,973.86
For interest (accrued interest on bonds purchased)		303.62
" work on crematory		400.00
For Commonwealth of Massachusetts bonds	$ 9,925.00	
" City of Somerville bonds	15,000.00	
" Chicago, Burlington & Quincy bonds	9,425.00	
" Boston Elevated Ry. bonds	20,000.00	
" City of Cambridge bonds	10,000.00	
" Boston, Clinton, Fitch. & N. B. R. R. bonds	9,000.00	
" premiums on bonds	1,970.65	
		75,320.65
Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales	$2,090.94	
Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for account Permanent Fund	2,886.33	
		4,977.27
Balance in hands of Treasurer		29,583.18
		$182,578.13

GENERAL FUND.

CASH ASSETS.

	Cash in hands of Treasurer		$29,583.18
	Notes receivable, secured by mortgage		40,846.32
	Municipal Bonds		
10,000	City of Burlington, Vt., 4s, July 1, 1906	$10,000.00	
10,000	" Cambridge, 3½s, Nov. 1, 1910	10,000.00	
8,000	" Somerville, 4s, July 1, 1907	8,000.00	
8,000	" " 4s, " 1908	8,000.00	
9,000	" " 4s, " 1909	9,000.00	
45,000			45,000.00
	Railroad Bonds		
20,000	Boston Elevated Ry. 4s, May 1, 1935	$20,000.00	
10,000	Chi. Bur. & Quincy, 3½s, July 1, 1929-49	9,425.00	
10,000	Des Moines & Minn. R.R. 7s, Feb. 1, 1907. Guaranteed by C. & N. W. R. R.	10,000.00	
40,000			39,425.00
	Also		
50,000	Roxbury Central Wharf Co. 5s, Sept. 1, 1912	$50,000.00	
10,000	Commonwealth of Mass. 3s, April 1, 1909	9,925.00	
60,000			59,925.00
	Premiums on bonds, unretired		1,959.09
	Bills for labor and material uncollected	$7,663.35	
	Less due sundry persons for labor and materials	2,006.89	
			5,656.46
			$222,395.05

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last report		$ 13,177.47
He has received —		
From notes receivable	$227,733.32	
" endowments	25,704.00	
" income of investments	54,489.82	
" New York & New Eng. R. R. bonds	10,000.00	
" premiums retired	662.93	
		318,590.07
		$331,767.54
He has paid for said account —		
For care and improvement of lots	$30,182.96	
" notes receivable secured by mortgage	55,500.00	
" Lake Shore & Mich. So. Ry. bonds	9,975.00	
" City of New York bonds	10,000.00	
" City of Providence bonds	10,000.00	
" Chicago & West. Michigan R. R. Co. bonds	10,000.00	
" Boston Elevated Ry. bonds	10,000.00	
" Boston, Clinton, Fitch. & N. B. R. R. bonds	10,000.00	
" City of Cambridge bonds	20,000.00	
" " Minneapolis bonds	20,000.00	
" " Cleveland bonds	20,000.00	
" Boston & Albany R. R. Co. bonds	5,000.00	
" City of Boston bonds	30,000.00	
" premium on bonds	3,869.40	
" interest (accrued interest on bonds purchased)	1,072.29	
		$245,599.65
Balance in hands of Treasurer		86,167.89
		$331,767.54

REPAIR FUND.

Endowment for perpetual care of lots, as per last report		$1,342,142.64	
Additions during the year		48,938.57	
			$1,391,081.21
Invested as follows —			
Notes receivable secured by mortgage			$798,720.00
	Railroad Bonds.		
10,000	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, 4s, Oct. 1, 1995	$10,000.00	
15,000	Boston & Albany R. R. 3½s, Jan. 1, 1951	15,000.00	
10,000	Boston, Clinton, Fitch., & N.B., R.R. 5s, Jan. 1, 1910	10,000.00	
10,000	Boston Elevated Ry. 4s, May 1, 1935	10,000.00	
10,000	Boston & Maine R. R. 4s, Feb. 1, 1937	10,000.00	
5,000	Boston & Winthrop Shore R. R. 5s, Sept. 1, 1906	5,000.00	
10,000	Chicago, Bur. & Quincy R. R. 5s, May 1, 1913	10,000.00	
20,000	Chi., Bur. & Quincy R. R. 3½s, July 1, 1929-49	18,850.00	
10,000	Chi. Jct. Union Stock Yards, 4s, April 1, 1940	10,000.00	
10,000	Cleveland & Pittsburg 3½s, Aug. 1, 1950	10,000.00	
20,000	Chicago, R. I., & Pac. Ry. 4s, May 1, 1916	19,736.00	
10,000	Fitchburg R. R. 4s, March 1, 1927	10,000.00	
10,000	Chicago & West. Michigan 5s, Dec. 1, 1921	10,000.00	
10,000	Lake Shore & Mich. So. R. R. 4s, Sept. 1, 1928	9,975.00	
20,000	Lake Shore & Mich. So. R.R. 3½s, Jan. 1, 1997	20,000.00	
10,000	Mich. Central R. R. 3½s, May 1, 1952	9,675.00	
10,000	N. Y., N. H. & Hartford 4s, Feb. 1, 1914	10,000.00	
10,000	N. Y., N. H. & Hartford 4s, May 1, 1954	10,000.00	
10,000	N. Y., N. H. & Hartford 3½s, March 1, 1947	10,000.00	
15,000	N. Y. Central & H. R. R. R. 4s, May 1, 1934	14,925.00	
20,000	Nor. Pac., Gt. Nor. joint 4s, July 1, 1921	19,262.50	
10,000	Nor. Pac. Ry. Co., 4s, Jan. 1, 1997	10,000.00	
10,000	O. C. R. R. 3½s, July 1, 1932	10,000.00	
10,000	Oregon Short Line 5s, July 1, 1946	10,000.00	
10,000	Peoria & No. Western 3½s, March 1, 1926	9,700.00	
10,000	Princeton & No. Western 3½s, Jan. 1, 1926	9,700.00	
	Guaranteed by Chi. & No. Western R. R. Co.		
10,000	Union Pac. R. R. 4s, July 1, 1947	10,000.00	
10,000	West End St. Ry. 4s, Aug. 1, 1915	10,000.00	
325,000			$321,823.50

REPAIR FUND.

INVESTMENTS—(Continued).

Municipal Bonds

10,000	City of Boston	3½s, June 1, 1922	$10,000.00	
30,000	" "	3½s, Dec. 1, 1935	30,000.00	
20,000	" Cambridge	3½s, Aug. 1, 1939	20,000.00	
20,000	" Cleveland	4s, Mar. 1, 1923	20,000.00	
20,000	" Minneapolis	3½s, Jan. 1, 1933	20,000.00	
10,000	" Newton	3½s, Dec. 1, 1931	10,000.00	
10,000	" New York	3½s, Nov. 1, 1954	10,000.00	
10,000	" Providence	3½s, Sept. 1, 1916	10,000.00	
10,000	" Springfield	3½s, June 1, 1923	10,000.00	
10,000	" Worcester	3½s, July 1, 1934	10,000.00	
150,000				$150,000

Also

10,000	American Bell Tel. Co. 4s, July 1, 1908	$10,000.00	
10,000	Western Union 4½s, May 1, 1950	10,000.00	
20,000			20,000
	Premiums on bonds unretired		14,369
	Cash in hands of Treasurer		86,167
			$1,391,081

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co. as per last report		$476,289.12	
Deposited in December, 1905		2,886.33	
Interest	$18,956.20		
Less transferred to General Fund	8,000.00		
		10,956.20	
			$490,131.

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water-works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, new chapel, office buildings and statuary, old chapel remodeled for crematory, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway and other structures, reception house and 5,620 feet of land on Mt. Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, greenhouses, and 59,936 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, the Coolidge Lot on Grove Street, containing about six acres, the Bird Lot on Swain and Cottage Streets, containing about 44,000 square feet, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. DILL,
Treasurer.

BOSTON, December 31, 1905.

This certifies that the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year nineteen hundred and five have been examined by Mr. Gerald Wyman, professional accountant, who has reported that he found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments; property in value and kind to agree with the accounts of the Treasurer was exhibited to and examined by him, and he also certifies that in the general account there is a cash balance of $29,583.18, and in the fund for repairs of $86,167.89.

CHARLES H. WATSON,
PRENTISS CUMMINGS,
Committee on Finance.

JANUARY 2, 1906.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn: —

GENTLEMEN — I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending December 31, 1905.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts	27
" old lots improved by being graded and sodded	52
" old lots bounded with granite posts	5
" lots furnished with granite numbers	41
" headstones erected	271
" monuments erected	44
" catch basins built	5
" lineal feet of concrete paths built	179
" tombs removed	1
" iron fences removed	10
" granite curbings removed	4

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last report		35,255
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905,	463	
" " removals from other cemeteries	19	
Total number of interments for the year		482
" " " in cemetery		35,737
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb	12	
" " " interments in public lots	22	

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS: —

To public lots	2	
To private lots	28	
Total removals within the cemetery		30
" " from the cemetery		11
Total number of removals		41

CREMATION RECORD.

Total number of incinerations, as per last report	636
Number of incinerations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905	183
Total	819

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. SCORGIE,
Supt. of the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn.

SUPT'S OFFICE, December 31, 1905.

RECEIVING TOMB.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Article VIII of the By-Laws as follows: —

DONATION IN TRUST. — "The Trustees may receive in trust from a proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided."

PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY. — "The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided."

"All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the 'Repair Fund,' and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city or town in Massachusetts, or in the bonds or notes of such other corporations, which have earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment, as shall be deemed a proper and suitable investment by the Committee on Finance; or in such investments as are authorized by the State of Massachusetts for savings banks, provided:

"That no investment in excess of $40,000 (par value) shall be made in any one security, and

"That the Committee on Finance shall report monthly to the President, to be laid before the Trustees at the next meeting, a list of all investments which shall have been made from this fund since the previous meeting."

"Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited, in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a

ratable proportion of the net income of the whole Repair Fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

RECONVEYANCE IN TRUST.— "A proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* FOREVER, that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including re-sodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone as may be shown in the Superintendent's report.

If any monuments or headstones are added subsequently to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given on page 18 of this report.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING CREMATIONS MADE AT THE CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

Before receiving a body for cremation, the Superintendent of the cemetery shall take an order, signed by the nearest relative of the deceased, or by whoever has the legal possession of the body.

If the death took place within the State of Massachusetts, Section 37, Chapter 78, Revised Laws, must be complied with, to wit:

The body of a deceased person shall not be cremated within forty-eight hours after his decease, unless death was caused by a contagious or infectious disease, and it shall not be received or cremated by any corporation organized under the provisions of Section 7 or the corresponding provisions of earlier laws, until its officers have received the certificate or burial permit required by law before burial, and a certificate from the medical examiner of the district within which the death occurred, that he has viewed the body and made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death, and is of opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary.

Such other regulations as may hereafter be made by the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, the State Board of Health, or the local Board of Health are to be complied with.

Bodies received from States in which district medical examiners are established by law are to be accompanied by a certificate from that officer, similar to that required in the State of Massachusetts. Bodies from other States to be accompanied by the usual permit and by a certificate signed by two physicians, graduates of a legally established medical school, setting forth the cause of death, with their opinion that the body may be cremated without further examination or judicial inquiry.

Incineration to begin at least two hours before sunset.

The average time needed for an incineration is one hour. The body is placed in the retort, enclosed in the casket as received at the

cemetery, the name-plate, etc., being first removed. Two hours after the incineration the ashes can be delivered to the family in a copper cylinder, terra-cotta urn or wooden casket, as they may select. If marble, bronze, or Wedgwood urns (with the name, age, etc., inscribed) are desired they can be provided at some additional cost.

The charge for the cremation of the body of an adult will be $30 and that of a child under ten years of age $25. If the ashes are interred in a lot in the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn, no charge will be made for the interment, unless a brick, or other special, grave is ordered.

Incinerations will not be made on Sunday, unless the cause of death is certified as contagious or infectious.

All the necessary blanks and any further information desired may be had on application to

J. C. SCORGIE,
Superintendent Mount Auburn Cemetery,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR "PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY," OF LOT.

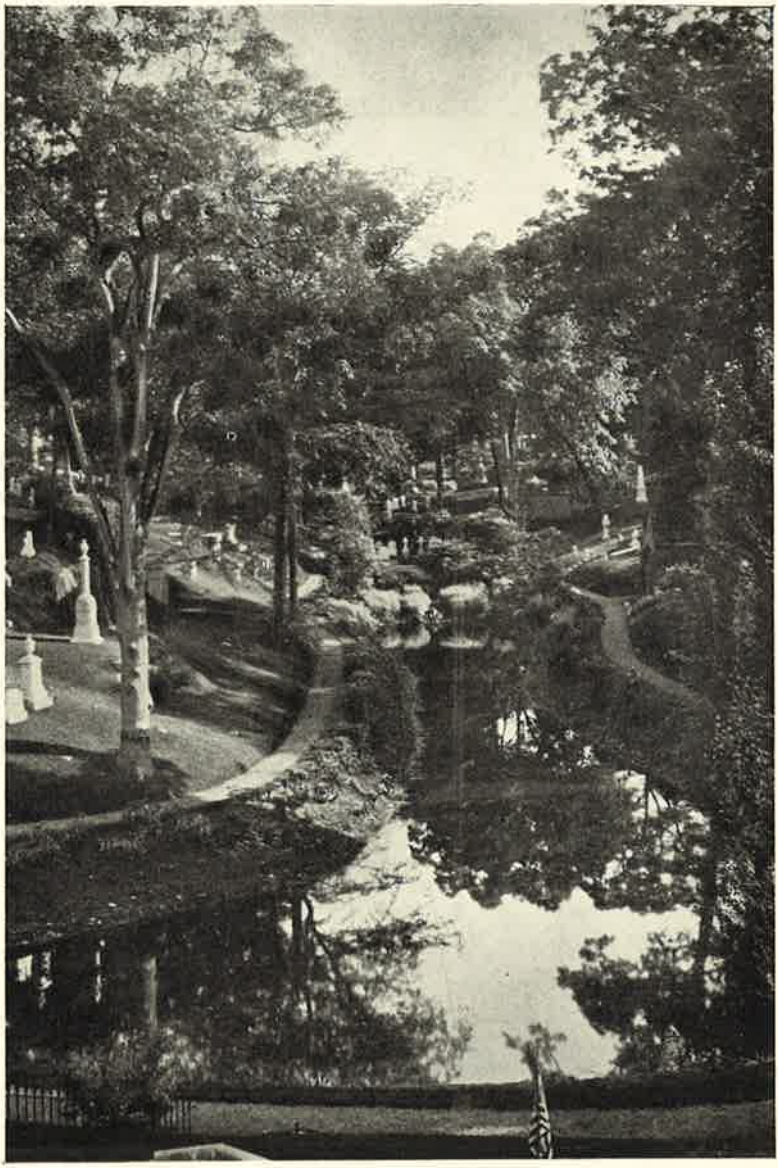
I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. on the way called in said Cemetery.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING "RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO CORPORATION IN TRUST."

(*Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.*)

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. , in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial place for myself and the following persons :

and no other interments to be allowed.



FOREST POND.

PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS.

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES.

FOR 1906.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING DURING NOVEMBER ONLY.	
100 square feet	$1.50	$1.00	Larger lots at special rates.
200 " "	2.00	1.50	Lots containing fractional
300 " "	3.00	2.00	parts of 100 feet will be
400 " "	4.00	2.50	charged the rate of the
500 " "	5.00	3.00	next larger size when that
600 " "	6.00	3.50	fraction exceeds 50 feet.
700 " "	7.00	4.00	
800 " "	8.00	4.50	

Proprietors are requested to mail their orders to the Superintendent, Cambridge.

For funeral services, a shelter tent to cover the lot will be provided at a moderate charge, when requested.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at the Superintendent's office, Cambridge.

Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

Single-chamber tombs, with entrance above ground, will be removed, the lot regraded and the necessary re-interments made, without charge, except for boxes, brick graves, re-sodding, or corner posts, when required.

Orders for foundations for Monuments and Headstones should specify, either by diagram or accurate description, the exact location in the lot which is desired, and should be given *at least two weeks before wanted.*

TO PROPRIETORS.

INFORMATION.

The following statement is presented in answer to the question frequently asked in regard to the title to a lot when the proprietor dies.

Title to lot held as real estate.

By the original act of incorporation, lots are held as real estate. The proprietor can convey his lot, or devise it by will; but if he dies intestate it descends to his heirs at law, who are (Rev. Laws, Chap. 133, Sect. 1): —

If proprietor dies intestate.

Heirs at law.

1. Children, and issue of any deceased child.
2. If no issue, then his or her father and mother.
3. If no issue nor mother, then his or her father.
4. If no issue nor father, then his or her mother.
5. If no issue and no father nor mother, then his or her brothers and sisters, and children of any deceased brother or sister.
6. If no issue and no father, mother, brother nor sister, then next of kin.

Rights of husband and widow in lot.

A widow has, in common with the children of her deceased husband, the possession, care and control of his lot during her life; and, if he leaves no children, she has the sole possession, care and control of it during life. She has also a right of interment therein, of which she cannot be deprived except by her own release. (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sects. 26, 28.) The same rights in a tomb or lot of his wife have now been given to a husband. (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 29.)

Provisions of will.

If a proprietor in his will makes no devise of the lot, it becomes a part of the residuary estate; or, if not devised and no bequest of the residue is made, it descends to the heirs at law.

Representative to be designated.

Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 26, and Sect. 8 of the Charter of the corporation provide that if there be more than one devisee or heir at law, the Board of Trustees may designate which one shall represent the lot.

Representative no control over title.

This designation *does not affect the title.* The heirs at law or devisees are tenants in common, and no sale can be made unless all sign conveyance.

Petitions for representation. Importance of prompt return.

It is IMPORTANT that the petition for representation (furnished by the Secretary) should be PROMPTLY returned with the names and residences of the heirs, and signed by a *majority;* otherwise delays may occur at the cemetery in ascertaining whether the order for interment is properly signed.

Lots indivisible.

No record of part ownership.

Lots are *indivisible* (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 26), and "no record of any person's interest in a lot, less than the entire ownership, shall be made on the books of the corporation." (Rules and Regulations, Art. VII.)

LEWIS G. FARMER,
Secretary.

Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation,
199 Washington Street.

Boston, Jan. 23, 1906.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the offices of the Corporation, Nos. 601, 602 and 603 Sears Building, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 5, 1906, at 2 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees, consider changing Article II of the By-Laws, so that the same shall read as follows:

ARTICLE II

The officers of the Corporation shall be twelve Trustees, two of whom shall be elected annually to serve for a term of six years, one of whom shall be President; a Treasurer and a Secretary. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent a re-election of the same person to fill the office of Trustee for more than one term. No Trustee, except the President, shall receive any salary or other emolument for services while in office; nor shall any salaried officer or paid agent receive any other payment or fee than that fixed upon by the Trustees before such service has been performed; nor shall any officer or any paid servant of the Corporation have any additional pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in work or material designed or done in or for the Cemetery, whether for the Corporation or for others; but nothing herein shall be construed to forbid payment to Trustees for attendance at meetings of Trustees and Committees thereof, such honorarium as is usual in corporations of similar importance,

and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

LEWIS G. FARMER, Secretary.